

Comment on Dulles, U-2 Flights

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The following is a translation of an article, "West Germany Is the Starting Place," by Ya. Shavrov. The source is identified as Izvestiya, with no date given.

It is really a wonder to see, when you read the West German press reports, how the US intelligence leaders are persistently trying to break down the defense system which the Soviet Union maintains against air-raids by the gangsters aboard the notorious 'Lockheed U-2' airplanes.

Although the ruins of the lone 'sinister airplane,' which is kept in M. Gor'kiy Park on display for general inspection, symbolizes the hopelessness of such adventures, the leaders of the reckless course are still making noise. With importunity that is worthy of a better cause, they are continuing their efforts to punch a hole through the wall with their heads. Moreover, something else is added to improve their efforts.

Not long ago the head of the US intelligence service, the master-spy A. Dulles, hastily came to Europe. Although the reasons for his trip were thoroughly concealed, they, nevertheless, were brought to light.

Look at the photographs that are featured here. The top one shows a picture of A. Dulles, the other shows the aviation transport ship, "Tripoli" after having arrived at the West German port of Bremen. Looking closely at the details of the airplanes, the reader might exclaim, "Oh, all these are familiar to me! Of course, they are 'Lockheed U-2's'."

Actually, this is correct. But for what reason have these airplanes been delivered to German soil? An article that was published in the West German newspaper Deutsche Volkszeitung drew the curtain of secrecy aside just a little. According to it, Dulles discussed the possibilities of 'extracting information from Communist countries' during his meetings with the Chancellor and leaders of the West German intelligence service. The newspaper openly said that 'after the recent failure of the U-2 flight and the demonstrations in Japan, the head of US espionage has been discovering, by his own efforts, a very suitable and obedient accomplice in the federal government.'

Thus, the purpose of Dulles' trip to Bonn is clear. He is negotiating with those who are nearest to him in order that they will stick out their own necks for him. If Bonn gives their permission for a repeat of the 'Powers mission,' they can be sure then, that no insurance company will vouch for a head which has taken such a reckless course.

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